

# AN EXACT RELATION

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tenth of October, 1642.

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The Dragooners sent out by the L. Generall  
under the Conduct of Colonell *Browne*, and Sir  
*William Russell* and his Cavaliers.

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A perfect description of the pitcht Camp of  
His Excellency the Earle of ESSEX  
now neer *Shrewsbury*.



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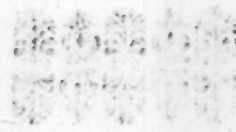
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ON Munday last being the  
ninth day of October, his  
Excellency the Earle of  
Essex having pitcht with  
his forces before Shrews-  
bury, he commanded Colonell *Brown*,  
Captaine *Bracham* and Captaine *Moore*  
with about six hundred Dragooners to  
scout up and down for three or foure  
miles compasse, to see if they could de-  
scry any of the adverse Forces to draw  
neer, and also to stop the recourse and ca-  
riage of armes and ammunition (if any  
should be) which according to his Ex-

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cellencies command was in every respect performed, and the said Colonell Browne with the other Officers and his 600. Dragooners marched forth, and in their march towards evening they received information that Sir William Russel an arch-enemy to the State, was marching to his Majestie with six troupes of horse and some foot, and that they had pitcht in a meadow five miles off: the Dragooners tarried till towards morning before they set forward, and then by the guide of that messenger marched towards them, and by break of day came within their centries, and soone espied the maine body of horse and foot, being no whit discouraged, as knowing the justnesse of their cause, sent a messenger to know what they were; and Sir William Russell in a reviling way bid him tell his prick-card round-headed mule-bearing citizens, that he would new baptize them, willing them to depart as unseen. Our men replied, they would dip them in a new font, never to have resurrection.

on. Whereupon a charge was beaten on both sides, and with much courage prosecuted on both sides, untill after two houres fight our men put the Cavaliers to flight, killing fifty of them, and taking some of them in the pursuit vvith little losse on our side, except some few hurt by their powder bags blowing up. Our souldiers pursued them as fast as they could, but because of their horses marching most part of the night, and not well fed, they vvere constrained to forbear the pursuit, giving God the glory, and singing Psalms of thanksgiving. So they marched vvith triumph and joy toward his Excellency, vvhere they found his souldiers in a faire battalia, having planted his Ordnance with much discretion, and raised bulwarks, rampiers, and diuers other meet and necessary vvorks for the safeguard and defence of himself and his Forces, in the best and securest vvay he could devise, placing Centries and Courts of Guard most effectually, and like a noble and expert souldier.

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From Bridgnorth there is information by divers letters, that the Lord Willoughby of Parham hath joyned his Forces with his Excellency the Earle of Essex, and are in their march towards Shrewsbury, and by the way they found great opposition at Bridgnorth (which is a towne about twelve miles distant from Shrewsbury) by Prince Robert and divers others of the malignant Party; whereupon there soone increased many dangers, and the inveterate malice of the Cavaliers there burst out, and began to give out many scoffing speeches against our souldiers, but they not brooking of such scandalous words, desired leave of their Officers to discharge against them; but at the first they seemed somewhat unwilling, and would not condescend thereunto, untill they understood the pleasure of the Lord Generall; but after some consultation thereof, they fell to it pell mell, and in the space of five hours seventy of the Cavaliers were flaine, and divers taken prisoners, with very little losse

losse on our party: wherupon the enemy sounded a parley, and at the said parley it was concluded on, that a set day should be appointed for the meeting of both Armies.

Sir William Balfoure is gone to joyne his Forces with the L. Generall, and the Scots Commanders that profered their service to the Parliament, are gone to his Excellency and entred into their places.

His Excellency having encamped his Forces neer Shrewsbury, caused a Parley to be sounded before the Towne, where the Malignant Party lies very strongly intrenched: whereunto answer was made (as is credibly reported) and divers Questions and Propositions propounded in Ais Majesties behalf, which were to this effect:

1. Wherefore his Excellency should so farre pursue his Royall Majesty, as to intrench him in his own Town?
2. Whether he would give his Majesty leave to march with his Army, for that

that (as they conceived) he had no Commission to withstand him, with many other questions of main consequence.

To which answer was made, that his Excellency would lay down his life at his Majesties feet for a re-uniting betwixt his Majesty and his high Court of Parliament, and that he came not with his Forces in an hostile way against his Majesty, but in all humility and loyalty, hoping that his Highnesse would not shelter any out-lawed and rebellious persons, but rather deliver them up to the justice of the law, and craving further time to determine of his Majesties free passage.

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